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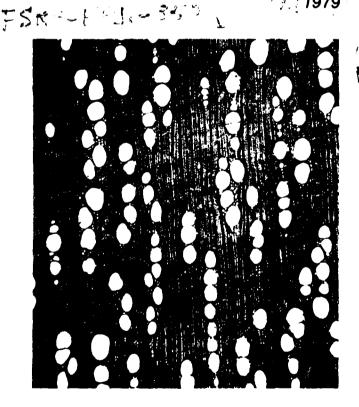
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Abstract

Prieurella currently consists of seven South American species. The best known, and most abundantly collected species are P. cuneifolia (Rudge) Pierre and P. prieurii (A. DC.) Andr. Since 1964 tive additional species have been described by Aubreville: colombiana, lanceolata, maguirei, manaosensis, and wurdackii. For many decades the original species were maintained under Chrysophyllum until Pierre established the genus Prieurella in 1891. The wood anatomy substantiates the separation from Chrysophyllum.

Pretace

The Sapotaceae form an important part of the ecosystem in the neotropics; for example, limited inventories made in the Amazon Basin indicate that this family makes up about 25 percent of the standing timber volume there. This would represent an astronomical volume of timber but at present only a very small fraction is being utilized. Obviously, better information would help utilization—especially if that information can result in clear identification of species.

The Sapotaceae represent a well-marked and natural family but the homogeneous nature of their floral characters makes generic identification extremely difficult. This in turn is responsible for the extensive synonomy. Unfortunately, species continue to be named on the basis of flowering or fruiting material alone and this continues to add to the already confused state of affairs.

This paper on Prieurella is the eleventh in a series describing the anatomy of the secondary xylem of the neotropical Sapotaceae. The earlier papers, all by the same author and under the same general heading, include:

- I. Bumelia--Research Paper FPL 325
- 11. Mastichodendron--Research Paper FPL 326
- III. Dipholis -- Research Paper FPL 327
- IV. Achrouteria--Research Paper FPL 328
- V. Calocarpum--Research Paper FPL 329
- VI. Chloroluma--Research Paper FPL 330
- VII. Chrysophyllum--Research Paper FPL 331
- VIII. Diploon-Research Paper FPL 349
 - 1X. Pseudoxythece--Research Paper FPL 350
 - X. Micropholis--Research Paper FPL 351

Publication in this manner will afford interested anatomists and taxonomists the time to make known their opinions and all such information is hereby solicited. At the termination of this series the data will be assembled into a single comprehensive unit.

WOOD ANATOMY OF THE NEOTROPICAL SAPOTACEAE

XI. PRIEURELLA

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Introduction

Prieurella, established by Pierre in 1891, is a small South American genus consisting of seven species. The best known species are P. cuncitolia (Rudge) Pierre, the type of the genus, and P. prieurii (A. DC.) Aubr. The nomenclatural history of these species is as follows:

Prieurella cuncitolia (Rudge) Pierre Bumelia cuncitolia Rudge (1805) Chrysophyllum cuncitolium (Rudge) A. DC. (1844) Prieurella cuncitolia (Rudge) Pierre (1891) Ecclinusa cuncitolia (Rudge) Aubi. (1961)

Prieurella prieurii (A. DC.) Aubi.
Chrysophyllum prieurei A. DC. (1844)
Ecclinusa prieurii (A. DC.) Aubi. (1961)
Prieurella prieurii (A. DC.) Aubi. (1964)
Chrysophyllum cyanogenum Ducke (1942) (8)

Bachni (5) maintained pricuri in Chrysophyllum and cuncitolia as the sole member of Pricurella, but later (6), he placed pricuri in Pricurella.

Cronquist (7) maintained both species under Chrysophyllum. In 1961 Aubreville (1) transferred both species to Ecclinusa but later (2) reinstated them in Pricurella. Since 1964 Aubreville has described five additional species: wurdackii from Peru; manaosensis (2) trom Brazil; lanceolata and magnirei (4) from Venezuela; colombiana (3) from Colombia. These five species are known from a very small number of herbarium collections and only one wood specimen, from a small branch of wurdackii.

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2/ Maintained at Madison, Wis., in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

From the anatomical viewpoint Prieurella is very distinct from Chrysophyllum and these genera can be separated by hand lens examination of the cross-section. Prieurella's nearest affinity appears to be with certain species of Neoxythece.

Description

Based on seven mature specimens of cuneifolia and 14 mature specimens of prieurii. The single specimen of wurdackii was represented by a branch section 2.5 cm. in diameter (table 1).

General: Sapwood yellow-brown; 3-4 (6) cm thick and distinct from the brown heartwood. Sapwood color commonly obscured by the presence of bluestain fungi. Growth rings indistinct or lacking. Wood hard and heavy with a specific gravity range of 0.85 to 1.12. Bark 3-6 mm thick in prieurii and 1-3 mm thick in cuneifolia.

Anatomical:

- Pores solitary and in radial multiples of 2-3(4) which are in radialechelon arrangement. Maximum tangential pore diameter of cuneifolia specimens ranges from 118 to 150 µm; in prieurii from 158 to 205 µm; 197 µm in wurdackii.
- Parenchyma banded; the individual bands irregularly 1-3 seriate and sometimes discontinuous (figs. 1-4). Silica present in cells with dark contents.
- Vessel members averaging 760 µm in prieurii and slightly longer, 820 µm in cuneifolia. Intervessel pitting 4-6 µm in diameter. Tyloses, when present, may be thin-walled, thick-walled, or commonly sclerotic in the heaviest specimens. Perforations simple.
- Wood rays essentially uniseriate; heterocellular. Vessel-ray pitting irregular in shape and size. Spheroidal silica particles common and generally confined to the ray cells with other contents; up to 25 µm in diameter (Fig. 5). Ray cell contents in prieurii generally granular in appearance in contrast with the large brown globules of cuneifolia. (figs 5-6).
- Wood fibers thick-walled; averaging 1.48 mm in prieurii and 1.51 mm in cuneifolia. Vascular tracheids common.

Silica content of the nine specimens subjected to chemical analysis ranged from 0.14 to 0.89 percent (table 2).

Diagnostic features: Sapwood yellowish-brown, heartwood dark brown. Wood hard, heavy with an average specific gravity near 1.0. Pores in radial-echelon arrangement. Parenchyma banded; 1-3 seriate (sometimes discontinuous). Intervessel pitting 4-6 µm in diameter. Rays essentially uniseriate. Silica present. Vascular tracheids common. Distinctive brown, spheroidal globules in the rays of P. cuneitolia.

Notes

P. cuneifolia may be confused with certain specimens of Neoxythece with uniscriate rays and small pores. In these specimens of Neoxythece the sapwood is always a light brown, the intervessel pits are 6-8 μm in diameter, and the wood rays lack the distinctive dark brown globules.

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Table 1 .- Specimens of Prieurella examined

Species	Collector and number	Origin	Wood specimens	cimens
cuneifolia (Rudge) Pierre	BAF0G 186 M	French Guiana	MAD-32958	IIu 5263
	Lanjouw & Lindeman 2977	Surinam	MAD-32924	Uw 1981
	Lindeman 3658	Surinam	MAD-32932	U-2411
	Maguire 24687	Surinam	MAD-12071	1
	Schulz 7413	Surinam	MAD-32945	U-5026
	Schulz /450	Surinam	MAD 32949	U-5044
	Stahel 177	Surinam	SJR-42458	
Prieurii (A. DC.) Rubr.	BAFOG 86 M	French Cuitan	7,000	
	BAFOG 233 M	French Guiana STR	MAD 50850	U-51/1
	BAF0G 1210 M		MAD-32062	11_6600
	Ducke 813		S.IR-44304	6606-0
	Froes 12	Brazil	A-27462	
	Gutierrez 60 & 114	Peru	MAD-22360	
	Lanjouw & Lindeman 396	Surinam	MAD-32853	U-1206
	Oliveira 5785 A	Brazil	MG-5785 A	
	Uliveira 5785 B	Brazil	MG-5785 B	
	Uliveira 5801 D	Brazil	MG-5801 D	
	Pires 51794	Brazil	MAD-21487	
	Rodrigues & Chagas 2927	Brazil	INPA-1030	
	Rosa 1398	Brazil	MG-1398	
	Williams 14550	Venezuela	SJR-41625	
wurdackii Aubr.	Schunke 2592	Peru	MAD-35644	

Table 2.--Silica content of Prieuvella

Species	Specimen analyzed	Origin	Percent silica
cuncifolia	Lindoman 3658	Suvinam	0.28
	Stahel 177	Surinam	. 47
	Schulz 7413	Suranam	. 89
	Schulz 7450	Surram	. 14
pricurii	RAFOG So M	French Gurana	0.37
	BAFOG 233 M	French Gurana	.58
	Ducke 813	Brazil	. 68
	Pires et al. 51794	Brazil	. e 1
	Williams 14550	Venezue la	. 79

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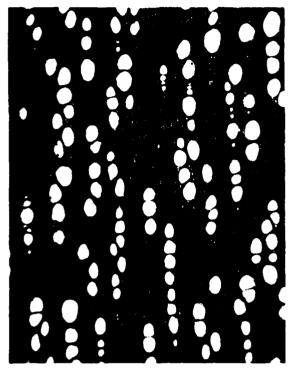


Figure 1.--Prieurella prieurii, typical arrangement of pores and parenchyma (Ducke 813) X 30.

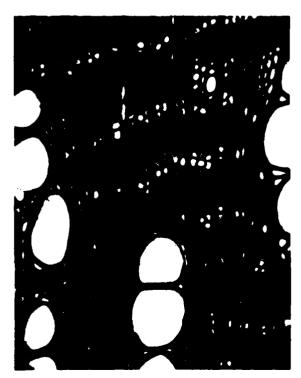


Figure 3.--P. prieurii, parenchyma detail (Ducke 813) X 110.



Figure 2.--P. cuneifolia, typical arrangement of pores and parenchyma (Stahel 177).

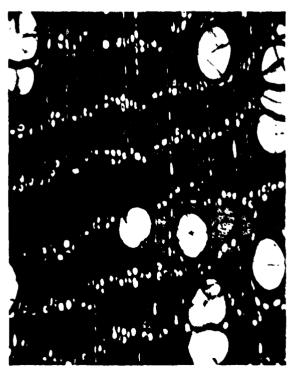


Figure 4.--P. cuneifolia, parenchyma detail (Stahel 177) X 110.

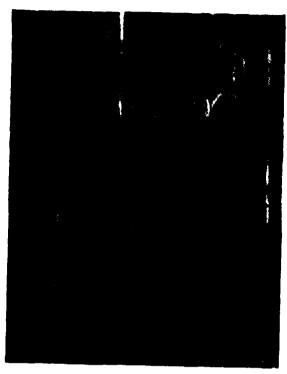


Figure 5.--P. prieurii, wood rays with granular appearing contents and large spheroidal particles of silica (BAFOG 86M) X 440.



Figure 6.--P. cuneifolia, wood rays with distinctive brown, organic spheroids. Silica particles smaller (Schulz 7450) X 440.